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from : General Secretariat of the Council

to : Coreper

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Subject : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial  
support for external borders and visa  
- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and of  
the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>

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1. On 17 November 2011, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa.

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<sup>1</sup> The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

2. The proposal which is based on Articles 77(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union does not require neither the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee, nor that of the Committee of the Regions.
3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal, it is deemed appropriate to consult both the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.
4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Articles 304 and 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request the Committees to give their opinion as soon as possible.

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